

Ferguson, Boyd

From: Rutan, Ed
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2009 5:01 PM
To: 'Soren Simonsen'; Trishman, Cindy Lou; City Council Members
Cc: City Council Staff; Ferguson, Boyd
Subject: RE: Press Release for your Review
Categories: Program/Policy

Soren—

Your participation in the event insofar as it relates to the challenge relating to the University of Utah v. BYU football game is not the kind of "governmental action" contemplated by SLCC Section 2.44.030, so I don't see a conflict of interest issue there.

I understand (and appreciate your raising) your concern, given your relationship with the Provo RDA Board, about "the discussion of issues facing the two cities," but again, given the nature of the event and the preliminary and general context of any such discussions, I don't see that as "governmental action" as contemplated by SLCC Section 2.44.030. Moreover, given the underlying purpose of the meeting—building good will with the City of Provo—your recusal and absence from the lunch meeting could actually be harmful to Salt Lake City's interests.

Finally, while we are on the subject of college football, I would be most remiss in my duties as City Attorney if I did not advise you in advance that if the City Council were to vote on a resolution supporting the U's claim to the number one ranking, your status as an alumnus of the University of Texas would present serious conflict of interest concerns.

Thanks

Ed

From: Soren Simonsen [mailto:soren@crsa-us.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2009 3:56 PM
To: Trishman, Cindy Lou; City Council Members
Cc: City Council Staff; Rutan, Ed; Ferguson, Boyd
Subject: Re: Press Release for your Review
Importance: High

I think this looks great.

I probably need to get a read from the city attorney on whether I can participate. The Provo RDA Board (also the City Council) is a client of mine for some consulting work. Given the nature of this meeting with them, would I need to be recused from the meeting? I would so love to hear the school song, but I understand if our ordinance would preclude my involvement.

I'm happy to speak with Ed or Boyd to give additional background on the nature of the conflict if necessary.

Thanks – S.

SØREN SIMONSEN
801-746-6814 | OFFICE
801-706-1055 | MOBILE/TEXT

From: "Trishman, Cindy Lou" <Cindy.Trishman@slcgov.com>
Date: Thu, 8 Jan 2009 15:34:53 -0700
To: City Council Members <CityCouncilMembers@slcgov.com>
Cc: City Council Staff <CityCouncilStaff@slcgov.com>
Conversation: Press Release for your Review
Subject: Press Release for your Review

Council Members,

Council Staff has prepared the attached agenda/press release for the Luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, January 13 at 1:30 with the Provo City Council. Would you please review and provide any suggestions or comments by tomorrow at Noon? Sorry about the short notice.

Thank you.

JT and Luke have approved the agenda/press release.

Cindy Lou Trishman
Constituent Liaison
801-535-7623
cindy.trishman@slcgov.com

To assure prompt attention to your information please 'Reply to All' or include City Council Liaisons (citycouncilliaisons@slcgov.com) in the address line of this email.